



**MINUTES  
of the  
THREE-HUNDRED-SIXTY-FIRST MEETING  
of the  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
September 15, 2015  
Santa Fe**

The three-hundred-sixty-first meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at 10:15 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol by Senator Mary Kay Papen, co-chair.

**Present**

Sen. Mary Kay Papen, Co-Chair  
Rep. Don L. Tripp, Co-Chair  
Rep. Alonzo Baldonado  
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros  
Rep. Brian Egolf  
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo  
Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos  
Rep. Nate Gentry  
Sen. Stuart Ingle  
Rep. W. Ken Martinez  
Sen. William H. Payne  
Sen. Clemente Sanchez  
Sen. William E. Sharer  
Sen. John Arthur Smith  
Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton

**Absent**

Sen. Michael S. Sanchez

**Special Advisory Members Present**

Rep. Gail Chasey  
Sen. Lee S. Cotter  
Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales  
Rep. Jason C. Harper  
Sen. Cisco McSorley  
Sen. Michael Padilla  
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert  
Rep. Jim R. Trujillo  
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella  
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero  
Rep. Carl Trujillo

**Special Advisory Members Absent**

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Sen. Pete Campos  
Sen. Ron Griggs  
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto  
Rep. Rick Little  
Rep. James Roger Madalena  
Sen. Mark Moores  
Sen. George K. Munoz  
Rep. Andy Nunez  
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle  
Rep. Dennis J. Roch  
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.

**Staff**

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
John Yaeger, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, LCS  
Amy Chavez-Romero, Assistant Director for Drafting, LCS  
Kathy Pacheco-Dofflemeyer, Assistant Director for Administration, LCS  
Diego Jimenez, Research Assistant, LCS

**Approval of Minutes**

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of the three-hundred-sixtieth meeting of the council, from June 29, 2015, were approved as submitted.

**Pre-Session Preparation**

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized expenditures to be made for pre-session preparation.

**Authorization of Expenditures for the House Special Investigatory Committee**

Speaker Tripp noted that he had previously appointed members to a House Special Investigatory Committee and charged the committee with investigating and recommending to the house whether the house should consider the impeachment of the secretary of state. The speaker moved that the LCS be authorized to expend the funds necessary to fund the work of the committee. Some members of the council expressed concern about authorizing an open-ended budget for the committee. Mr. Burciaga explained that the amount of expenses will be difficult to predict because the committee has not yet hired special counsel, and the amount of work to be performed is not yet known. He also noted that if the council would like to put a cap on the budget, the budget could be increased by the council at a future meeting.

In response to a question, Mr. Burciaga explained that the process of impeachment is solely a function of the house and that if the house votes to impeach, the matter becomes a function of the senate.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, expenditures of up to \$250,000 for the House Special Investigatory Committee were authorized by the council.

Speaker Tripp announced that he previously appointed Representative Chasey and Representative Zachary J. Cook to be co-chairs of the committee, along with Representatives Jim Dines, Fajardo, Sarah Maestas Barnes, Javier Martinez, William "Bill" R. Rehm, Patricio Ruiloba, Tomás E. Salazar and Jeff Steinborn as members.

**Interim Committee Requests**

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council voted to allow the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee (CCJ) to meet past December 1 and extend the duration of the last CCJ meeting for the interim through December 2.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved an additional meeting day for the Indian Affairs Committee.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved an additional December meeting day for the New Mexico Finance Authority Oversight Committee.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved an additional meeting day for the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force.

### **Use of Chambers**

Mr. Burciaga explained that the Model United Nations program, Leadership America and Emerge New Mexico requested use of the chambers, and he said that the Model United Nations program and Emerge New Mexico groups make annual requests for use of the chambers.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, use of the chambers for Emerge New Mexico, Leadership America and Model United Nations was authorized.

### **Staff Reports**

Mr. Burciaga read a letter from Bernalillo County Assessor Tanya Giddings notifying the council that the Property Tax Achievement Award had been awarded to the New Mexico Legislature by the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Mr. Burciaga also announced awards given by the National Conference of State Legislatures to the LCS for *Highlights of the Fifty-First Legislature, Second Session* and *Piecemeal Amendments of the Constitution of New Mexico 1911 to 2014*.

Mr. Burciaga noted that the University of New Mexico Law School for Legislators is scheduled for November 14.

Mr. Burciaga said that several other projects would be under way in the coming months, including installation of the new house voting system and carpeting in the Office of the Governor's suite.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the council adjourned at 11:05 a.m.